



Our guide to a safe and enjoyable visit



Keep your distance



Face coverings required



Keep left on the stairs

Limited use of the lift - if you can use the stairs please do



Use the hand sanitisers

Map





Welcome back to Aberdeen Art Gallery

From Brueghel to Borland, Landseer to Lambie, and from Guthrie to Gibb, Aberdeen Art Gallery's collection spans over 700 years and includes a staggering range of works by artists, designers and makers.

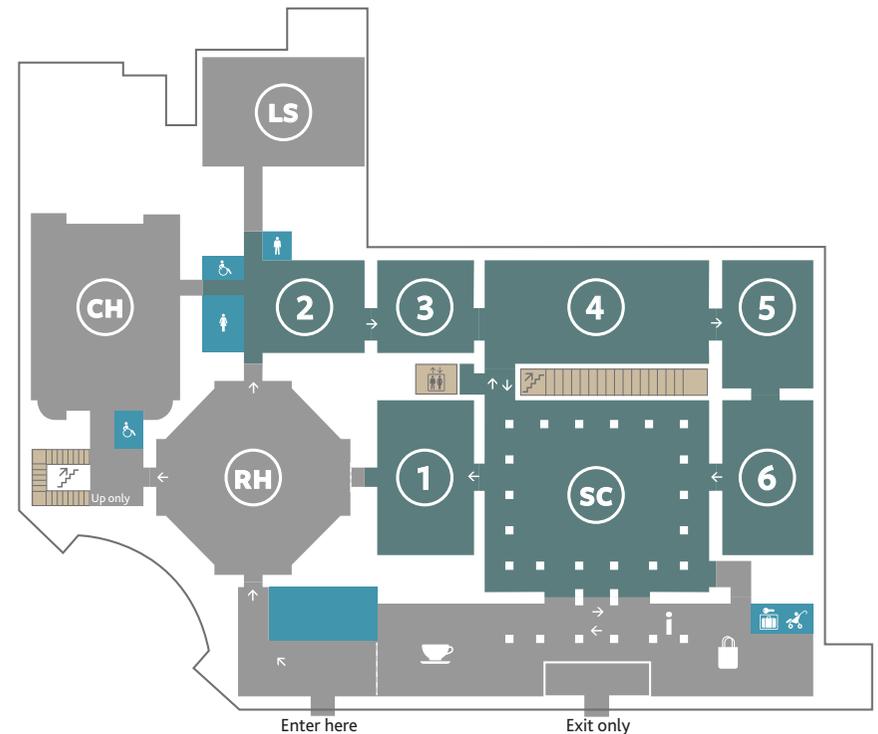
For over 130 years we have been acquiring the best and most interesting contemporary artworks. Today this Recognised Collection of National Significance is regarded as one of the UK's finest. We are proud to care for these treasures on behalf of the people of Aberdeen and to share their stories with all our visitors.

The building

Designed in the neo-classical style by Alexander Marshall Mackenzie, Aberdeen Art Gallery opened in 1885. It was extended in the 1920s with the addition of the Cowdray Hall concert venue, the interior Remembrance Hall and the exterior Cenotaph, all by the original architect.

Between 2015 and 2019 the Art Gallery underwent a once-in-a lifetime redevelopment supported by Aberdeen City Council and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This much-loved building has been completely re-imagined by internationally-acclaimed Hoskins Architects. Re-vitalised and re-born, it has more display space for our treasures of fine and decorative art and special exhibitions, as well as greatly-enhanced visitor facilities, including a new purpose-built Learning Space. We are honoured to be a joint winner of Art Fund Museum of the Year 2020.

Ground Floor



SC British Art Show 9

Remembrance Hall
Supported by HM Treasury

A space for contemplation and commemoration, honouring Aberdeen lives lost in conflict from the First World War to the present day.

CH Cowdray Hall
Funded by a gift from Annie, Viscountess Cowdray, to encourage 'a taste for art and music in the City of Aberdeen', the hall is renowned for its exceptional acoustic.

LS Learning Space
Supported by FCC Environment
Learning Space closed for the time being.

1 Collecting Art
For over 130 years we have been collecting art for Aberdeen. Discover the origins of Aberdeen Art Gallery and explore what we collect and why.

2 British Art Show 9

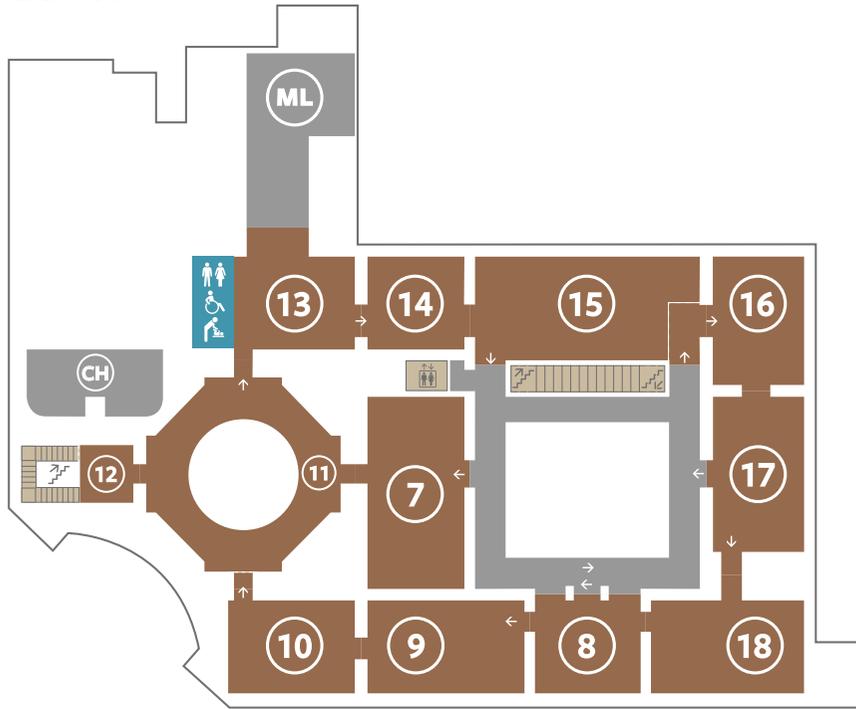
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5 Crafting Colour
Discover how makers have perfected techniques in their craft, the materials they use and the ways they choose to embellish their works.

6 Feasting
An appetising survey of the utensils, drinking vessels and tablewares designed over centuries to keep us fed and watered.

Level 1



Level 2 - BP Galleries



- 7 Exploring Art**
Supported by the Wolfson Foundation
What inspires artists? Is it a landscape, a story, a still life? Sorry but interactives are not in use.
- 8 Adorning**
Beauty, identity, status and protest: get up close to statement jewellery and take a look at how and why we adorn our bodies.
- 9 Balmoral Phenomenon**
Explore the royal love affair with Balmoral and the Scottish Highlands.
- 10 French Impressions**
Supported by Barrack Charitable Trust
Explore exquisite pairings of French and Scottish artworks of the late 19th century.
- 11 First World War Remembered**
A space for contemplation and reflection on local people's experiences of war.
- 12 Around Art Deco**
Ceramics and glassware inspired by the bold, geometric designs of the 1920s and 30s.
- 13 James McBey – Artist Adventurer**
Supported by Marguerite McBey Trust
Delve into the life and passions of Aberdeenshire-born James McBey, self-taught etcher, draftsman and painter, war artist and society portraitist.

- ML McBey Library**
Supported by Marguerite McBey Trust
Temporarily closed
- 14 Art of Empowerment**
From muse, to maker to activist, consider the changing status of women through art and craft of the late 19th / early 20th century.
- 15 British Art Show 9**
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- 18 People and Portraits**
Whether symbols of ancestry, reminders of dynasties or tools of propaganda, why are we so obsessed with portraits?

- 19 British Art Show 9**
- 20 British Art Show 9**
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- WT West Terrace**
- SR Seminar Room**
- ST South Terrace**
Enjoy views over Schoolhill and Belmont Street

- Lift - Please use the stairs if you are able. One person or family group in the lift at a time.
- Changing Places toilet
- Accessible toilets
- Toilets
- Male toilets
- Female toilets
- Baby changing
- Welcome Desk
- Shop
- Café
- Buggy Park - sorry, not in use
- Lockers - sorry, not in use



What can I see and do today?

Permanent collections

Explore artists' inspiration and creative processes as you move from gallery to gallery. The ground-floor Sculpture Court is a good place to start, then move to G1: Collecting Art – but you can start anywhere. Each gallery has its own story to tell.

Special exhibitions and commissions

British Art Show 9 continues until 10.10.21 in Galleries 2, 3, 4, 15, 16, 17 and 19.

Discover new commissions in the Remembrance Hall (*Forget Them Not* by Gordon Burnett) and Cowdray Hall entrance (*Primitive Forms* by James Rigler, commissioned by the Friends of Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums).

+music

Look, listen, explore! Use your own mobile device to enjoy specially-curated playlists inspired by the collections. Connect using our free wifi.

Discover more

Most of our interactive displays are available again and we're cleaning them regularly. We're sorry but we've had to remove visitor sketchbooks and dressing up items in Gallery 18 for the time being.

Download the free **Smartify** app from the App Store or Google Play ahead of your visit. Using image recognition technology, Smartify instantly identifies artworks and unlocks their stories by scanning them on your smartphone

Look out for **Explorer** family labels around the Gallery, they're full of ideas for things to discuss and think about while you enjoy looking at art together.

Access and facilities

- Guide dogs, hearing dogs and other recognised assistance dogs are welcome.
- Lift to all floors and level access to all spaces. Please keep the lift free for visitors who need it - use the stairs if you can. One person / family group in the lift at a time.
- Changing Places Toilet on Level 2.
- Accessible toilets and baby change facilities on all floors.
- We are sorry but wheelchairs and portable stools are not available to borrow at this time.
- Large print labels are available in many of the galleries.
- Induction hearing loops at the Welcome Desk and cafe servery.
- Quiet Time is on Monday afternoons.
- Our staff have taken part in Dementia Friends training.
- We belong to the Breastfeeding Welcome scheme.
- Buggy Park - sorry, the Buggy Park is not in use for the time being.
- Lockers - sorry, not in use. Please don't bring bulky bags or luggage with you when you visit. There are no cloakroom facilities (you may wish to wear a light coat that you can carry!)
- Free Wifi throughout the building





While you're here...

Talks, tours and events

Please check our website to see our full programme of events and activities.
www.aagm.co.uk

Cafés and shops

Enjoy a catch-up in our cafes over tasty treats - find us on the Ground Floor and on Level 2.

Take home a memento of your visit from the ground-floor shop or the new Shop At The Top featuring local makers on Level 2. Contactless payment only.

Learning

Please get in touch with our Learning team to discuss a future visit by emailing AAGMLearning@aberdeencity.gov.uk

We're here to help

If you have a question or need assistance please ask one of our Museums Assistants, who will be happy to help.

Opening times

Monday 10am-5pm

Tuesday closed

Wednesday-Saturday 10am-5pm

Sunday 10am-4pm

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Venue hire

We can help you host an exceptional event in one of our inspiring spaces.
Find out more at www.aagm.co.uk

Our other venues

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our other venues are temporarily closed:

Aberdeen Maritime Museum

The Tolbooth Museum

Aberdeen Treasure Hub Museum Centre

Provost Skene's House is under redevelopment and will re-open in 2021.



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